

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, May 4th. 1888.

Senator Ingalls' great speech in the Senate Tuesday, has, as a subject of conversation, over shadowed everything else this week. On the day it was delivered the Senate end of the Capitol building was literally packed with a mass of people anxious to hear what the Kansas Senator had to say in reply to the personal attack made on him last week by Senator Voorhees. Mr. Ingalls began his remarks by alluding to the manner in which he had been willfully misrepresented by the Democratic press in regard to his attacks on Hancock and McClellan in his speech delivered some weeks ago. His allusion to them was as politicians, not as soldiers, they were allies, after the war, of the Democratic party, which he maintained was the Southern Confederacy in continuance. He then took up the war record of Senator Voorhees, and showed up the manner in which he had endeavored to hamper the Government at every step; he quoted from a speech delivered by Mr. Voorhees, in Indiana, August 5th. 1862, the following language: "Soldiers engaged in this war should go to the nearest blacksmith's shop and have iron collars made and placed around their necks, and have inscribed thereon in large letters: My dog, A. Lincoln."

He quoted numerous other speeches with disloyal sentiments, of which the following made during the memorable presidential campaign of 1864 is a specimen; "Gentlemen, it seem to me that I can hear the spirits of the hundreds of thousands of lives that have been uselessly sacrificed in this war, pleading against the re-election of this man (Lincoln.) It seems to me the very inanimate objects, the dumb beasts, would cry out, enough he has had his day. Bloody, gory, reeking, let him go out into his hateful obscurity, there to stand the residue of his days with the accusations of the murdered dead gibbering around the unhappy fellow."

The Senator then paid his attention to the methods of carrying elections in the South. Mr. Voorhees rose to reply, trembling with anger. He referred to the statements of Mr. Ingalls as slanderous political lies, etc. Then followed one of the most disgraceful scenes ever enacted in the Senate chamber. Mr. Ingalls, kept his self control remarkably well. The only time he gave way to his temper was just after an impassioned outburst from Voorhees, when the Kansas Senator said with flashing eyes: "If this were a police court, that citizen there of Indiana, would be arrested and put in cock for being drunk and disorderly." This seemed to have a quieting effect on Mr. Voorhees, and Mr. Ingalls continued his speech, with frequent interruptions and denials. Finally, after a question from Mr. Ingalls: "Did not the soldiers of Indiana threaten to hang the Senator after he made that Lincoln speech?" Mr. Voorhees exclaimed; "The Senator is a great liar when he intimates such a thing—a great liar and a dirty dog. It never occurred in the world. That is all the answer I have." Fortunately for the dignity of the Senate the controversy ended here.

The tariff debate is still dragging slowly along in the House. Only one democrat—Mr. Foran—has so far spoken against the Mills tariff bill. It is said that the leaders of the democrats in the House become convinced that it will be impossible to pass the bill in its present shape and they propose holding a caucus next week, to decide what amendments had best be adopted to help the bill.

Representative Burrows, of Michigan, has introduced a bill which provides a pension for every soldier and sailor who served 90 days or more in the late war, the rate of pension to be one cent per month for each day of actual service.

The Chinese treaty has been favorably reported on by the Senate committee on foreign affairs;

the committee made two minor amendments to the treaty. It will probably be ratified in a short time.

Mr. Edmunds has introduced a bill in the Senate to increase the pensions of soldiers and sailors who contracted heart disease in the service.

—The German brewery hands and Irish lumbermen at Boca are continually on a riot. Both sides favor an American ticket.

—If the water could be found here by boring, this valley of 120,000 acres of tillable land would, in a few years be one of the richest and most thickly populated in the State.—Walker Lake Bulletin.

—The defeat of John P. Irish in his own home and ward as a delegate to the Democratic State Convention is a reward that a man as able with his tongue and pen and as willing to employ both for his party's success, is very far from deserving.—Alameda Argus.

—Austin in this State, must harbor some very contemptible scoundrels, for a few days ago one of them mutilated a calf belonging to Wm. Foster, by slitting its ears and cutting off its tail, in revenge for a fancied wrong. A reward of \$50 is offered for the culprit.

—In the days of low tariffs, when the duty on blankets was only 30 per cent, a pair of them cost the poor man \$7 to \$12, and in these days when the "oppressive" tariff is as high as 70 per cent the same goods can be bought from \$2.50 to \$4 a pair and upward.—Stockton Independent.

—A man prominent on the Chicago Board of Trade has locked up a woman and two infants of tender years in jail to secure a judgment of ten thousand dollars. He will find it healthy to be away from town when the California delegation reaches Chicago, for lynching is not entirely in disuse.

—A Livingstone special to the Helena, M. T., Independent says: "Hell's Half Acre," in the National Park, is in active eruption, as it was in 1882. Excelsior Geyser, the largest in the world, is discharging a column of water sixteen feet in diameter and 300 feet high. Eruptions occur every forty-five minutes and are of from three to five minutes' duration. Immense quantities of limestone, lava, stones and silica are thrown up with each eruption.

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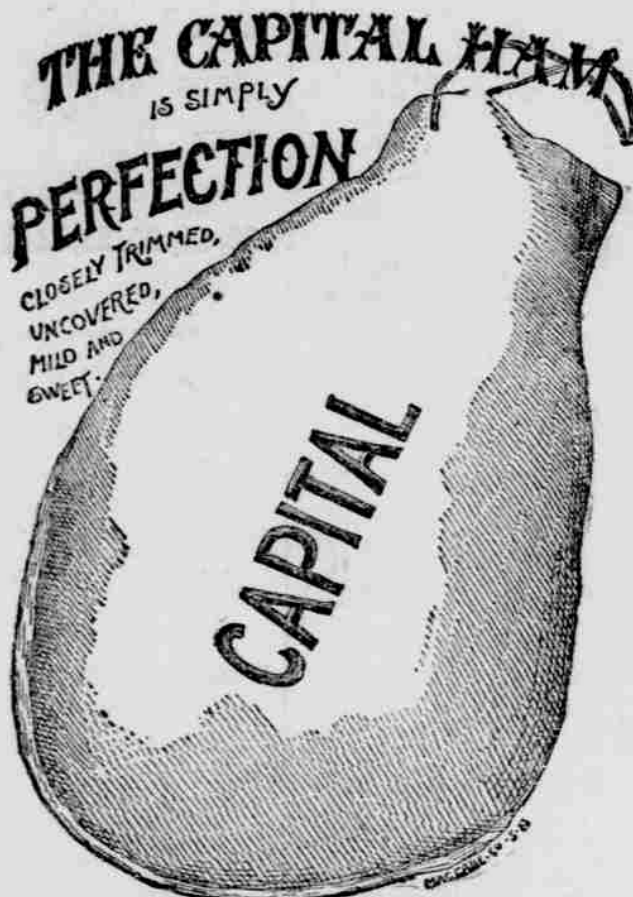
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